



BABE RUTH HAS PRAISES FOR GRIFFMEN; EXPLAINS HOW HE BEGINS HIS TOIL

By BABE RUTH,
King of Sluggers.

Well, I'm here in Washington. This is the toughest town I visit in the summer, owing to those long fences Clark Griffith's got out at Georgia avenue. Hope it won't be as tough over at B. F. Keith's this week. I'm going to try for a home run every day, and if Duke Cross is in good form I may get it.

Right here let me say that this Duke Cross is a regular guy. I wish he was a ball player and with the Yanks. I know we'd get along great together. I'm more or less a novice at this vaudeville stuff, but he's always there, coaching me and tipping me off as to what's right and what's wrong. I'd have a terrible time without him. He's my buddy, that's what he is.

Everybody around New York laughed when I told them I was going into vaudeville. They thought I'd be a flivver. They said I'd be a bust. But I've managed to stick it out for four weeks and I'm still going strong. But I'm not wholly responsible. This Duke Cross has been with me, and that means a whole lot. A fellow can't go far wrong with Duke Cross at his elbow. He never lets you fumble and he never lets you miss a sign. He's there every time. A great fellow, this Duke Cross, and I hope you all like him in my act over at Keith's.

When I came into The Times office this morning much earlier than I usually stir about, I inquired for the sports editor.

"Over in the corner," said an office boy they call "Mac," so I went over and went to work.

I've seen this Lou Dougher, The Times sports editor, on trains all over this country. He was always traveling with the Washington ball club. I don't know him any too well, but he seems to know his business. He took a look at me and said, "Come on, a little life. This is an afternoon paper, not a weekly."

Then in came Carl Thoner. I've seen him around baseball parks, both

here and in Philadelphia. He's a good photographer. The Washington Times is lucky to have him. Every time I come to Washington in the summer I always watch for his action pictures. They're a great deal better than any we have over in New York—yes, or anywhere else around the circuit, for that matter, though that guy in Cleveland is pretty good.

He Has to Pose.

The first thing this Thoner does is to make me pose as a sports writer. You'll see what he did on this page somewhere, probably near what I have written. I've posed for him on the field at Georgia avenue, but this was the first time I ever sat down to a typewriter for him.

Then this Dougher says, "What are you going to write?" That stumped me. I arrived in Washington only yesterday morning and I had a busy day. I didn't have my ideas in line any too well.

"Don't care what you write, but how much are you going to write?" he asked. "You know Harry Knap, in the back room, is always crowding me with ads and you'll have to take your chances if you dig out more than a couple of pages."

This Dougher knows what he wants, all right. So I sat down and pounded away with one finger on each hand. That's what all the sports writers do, at that, so I should worry.

He Boosts Griffmen.

I suppose Washington fans want to know what I think of their baseball club. Well, we Yankees were mighty glad you didn't have a couple more Walter Johnsons and George Mogridges. Yes, and another Zachary might have put Washington in the big series instead of us.

I have always been a great admirer of Walter Johnson. A fine, clean, wholesome fellow off the field, he is the same thing in that box. You've never seen me yell if he happened to get one too close. Johnson never hit a batter intentionally in his life. And speed? Wow, what speed that fellow has when he's right!

Let me say right here that George Mogridge, pitching as he did for Washington, would have won the big series for us. I honestly believe it. Mays and Hoyt did their best, but in

BABE RUTH BECOMES A SPORTS EDITOR



The upper view shows the Battering Bambino picking his way cautiously among the keys of his typewriter. He is writing what he thinks of being an editor. Then somebody asked him to say something about Judge Landis' decision, and you can see how much he is saying in that lower picture.

nails were all off and blood was coming from the tips. But he was in there as long as he could stay. Believe me, that's the kind of a fellow to pull for, and I'm pulling for him.

The Griffmen? Well, they gave us a tough fight all through the 1921 season and we on the Yankees figure on their repeating it. We never have a soft time of it when we're playing them. They play smart baseball, and when you stop to think that they have such fine players as Johnson, Mogridge, Zachary, Judge, Harris, Shanks, O'Rourke, Rice, Zeb Milan and Gharrett, is it any wonder?

He's for O'Rourke.

Lou Dougher has just told me that Frank O'Rourke is here undergoing treatment for his throwing arm. I sincerely hope he's there when spring comes around. There's a game fellow, if ever there was one. I've seen him playing shortstop against us when he could hardly hold a ball. His finger-

baseball Greatest Game.

After all is said and done, baseball is the greatest game in the world. No matter how soft stage life may be—and it is, too, from some angles—baseball has it beat to death. I'm glad the call will come in February to go down and train against the pitchers. And the first time I drive a ball over the wall in practice, I'll forget all about the stage.

While I am here in Washington I hope all my friends will call on me. I never forget my friends, especially those I've known a long time. A man can't have any too many friends. Guess this is enough good for The Washington Times. Dougher tells me I've got something else to do, and he ought to know, seeing that he does it every day. There's an attraction about writing sports, and when I quit playing ball I may look around for a job writing about it like Edly Evans. By the way, Billy turns out some pretty good stuff and I always read what he says.

The 1922 pennant? Well, the Yanks will repeat if they have any sort of luck.

JUDGE LANDIS ISSUES

CALL FOR BIG SESSION
CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Club owners of the American and National Leagues will meet in joint session in New York on December 15, at which time Judge K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, will address them regarding the 1922 season.

Judge Landis sent out the call for the meeting today at the suggestion of John A. Heydler, president of the National League.

The annual meeting of the American League will be held in New York on December 14, a day previous to the joint meeting.

PARSONS AND RICHMOND
MEET IN CUE TOURNEY

William Parsons and Clyde Richmond will play tonight in the pocket billiard championship tournament at the Grand Central. Wallace Kimball won his second start against Campbell in an uphill fight last night, 100 to 95.

Seeks More Dates.
The Alexandria Light Infantry team, which has already won two games, beating the Langdon and St. Paul quints, has a number of open dates on its schedule which it would like to fill with local teams.

Challenges should be addressed to Manager J. W. Fuller, 305 Cameron street, Alexandria, Va.

Babe Ruth Says Little About Decision From The Boss

By BABE RUTH.

Of course, Judge Landis' decision has hit me a hard blow. But I have nothing to say now. I shall be in Chicago in three weeks and shall see Judge Landis then. Whatever I have to say I shall say to him when I visit him.

have played fair in everything and am perfectly willing to leave it to the public.

TONIGHT'S BOWLING BATTLES

Typothetae League—Thayer vs. Do- ing Printing Company.
Bureau League—Vault vs. Printing, at Recreation.
Washington Girls League—Bureau vs. Western Union, at City Postoffice.
Internal Revenue League—Sales Tax vs. Prohibition, at Recreation.
Bankers League—Commercial vs. Riggs, at Recreation.
Nautical League—Colonial vs. Rock- haven, at Arcade.
Commercial League—Galt's vs. Hecht's, at Recreation.
Athletic Club League—Brookland vs. Temperance, at 1119 H street north- east.
Business Men's League—Nesco vs. Family Shoe Store, at Recreation.
Knights of Columbus League—Bal-boa vs. Christopher, at Rathskeller.
Odd Fellows League—Salem vs. Brightwood, at Rathskeller.
Mt. Pleasant League—Cliffons vs. Southern Railway, at Mt. Pleasant.
District League—Rathskellers vs. Districts, at Rathskeller.
Arcade League—Raphaels vs. Cy- clones, at Arcade.
Masonic League—Harmony vs. Naval: King Solomon vs. Stansbury; Singleton vs. East Gate, at Sherman's.

JACK DUNN WILL DROP EIGHT OF HIS ORIOLES

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—Jack Dunn, managing owner of the Baltimore International League baseball club, today announced that he had asked waivers on eight of his players. They are Lefter and Davis, catchers; Holden and Donehue, outfielders; Kneisch, Matthews and Clarke, pitch- ers, and Lyston, utility infielders.

Centre Goes West.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—Ac- ceptance by the University of South- ern California of an invitation to meet Center College in a football game at San Diego, Cal., December 26, was announced here today.

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What Do You Think?

Babe Ruth has been fined his share of the 1921 world series and suspended until May 20, 1922. He knowingly broke a baseball law under which he had been previously fined. What do you think about Judge Landis' decision?

Do you think the decision just? Do you think it too severe? Do you think it will have a good or an evil effect on baseball? Do you think the fans will back up Judge Landis or Babe Ruth?

The Washington Times wants to know just what the fans of Wash- ington think about this Landis decision. Put your ideas on paper. Keep them as short as possible and write only on one side of the paper. Sign names and addresses, though these will not be used if it is so wished.

The Washington Times wants to know JUST WHAT THE FANS THINK. Send your letters to the Sports Editor.

BABE RUTH EXPLAINS WHY TIMES IS POPULAR PAPER.

By BABE RUTH,
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Well, I'm ready to call it a day here in The Washington Times. It has been some busy morning. But now I've gone out and seen Colonel Stoll make up the sports pages and I'm done. When Joe Dowling, the stereo- typer, put his last little bit of lead in the page, telling me I was done, I heaved a sigh of relief. It was not there in the composing room, and the fellows working in overalls were lucky. I wished I had overalls on my self. They're always comfortable.

My stuff appeared in The Washington Times all last summer, but never till today understood what it meant to get it on the street for the fans. There's a lot of work to it to get out a newspaper. It takes a lot of planning, for instance, to get pictures and stories to fit in the page. I today, but it was hard even then.

Come to think of it, no wonder people like to read the sport pages of The Washington Times. Where else can they see Tad's cartoons? He's the best cartoonist drawing pictures anywhere. He's got everybody right where he lives. I see people laughing at his pictures all over the country. He's got 'em going, that's all.

Then there's Joe McGurk. He sure can draw the dolls. I always look at his pictures and I guess everybody else does, too. Can't blame 'em much, either.

Yes, and those Penny Ante cartoons just hit us where we live, don't they?

And they're all in The Washing- Times.

You won't find all these cartoons today's Times, but that's because Lou Dougher wouldn't run them.

"I've got your phis in there and that's enough," said he to me. "Wash- ington sees Tad and McGurk and Knott every day, but it's not often Babe Ruth does a little work. So let's show folks he does."

That's why you see my picture in these pages today. They show me working at an unaccustomed job, but a pleasant one. You can blame Dougher. He did it.

But if he thinks I don't work in the summer, he's bugs. I work as hard as any man in the country. It isn't all fun playing ball, though there is a lot of that, too. But playing ball is hard work, and I do my share of it.

Yes, and there's a lot of work on the stage, too. I do want my friends in Washington to support me, to be lieve that I'm trying to the best of my ability. I want to make good. I always do, no matter what I try to do.

Traveling around the country as an actor has one good thing to boast it. I can sleep late mornings. I like that. But I have to pay up for it afterward. Anybody who thinks actors have a soft pinch simply don't know what they're talking about.

I used to think so, I'll admit. But that was before I started in Keith vaudeville. Now I know better. It takes all the courage to face Walter Johnson on a dark day for me to march down to those footlights and look at the leader of the orchestra. Hope I'll do well all week. I'm going to try.

My day as sports editor of The Washington Times is done. It has been very busy, but most pleasant. Everybody helped me. Everybody was kind to me. Maybe these news- paper guys are all right, after all.

Barracks Men Win.

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